

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Today--A Community Call to Action: Embracing Faith-Based Reentry**

**Who:** The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)

**Featured Speaker:** Dr. Charlene Monk, Senior Pastor and Founder of the New Horizon Christian Faith Church

**What:** A Community Call to Action: Embracing Faith-Based Offender Reentry

**When:** Thursday, November 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** The Gallaudet University, Kellogg Conference Center

**Why:** CSOSA and the faith community will examine the state of faith-based offender reentry in Washington, D.C. and make plans to expand efforts.

Since the faith based initiative began in 2002 (through June of 2007) approximately 94 faith institutions have been certified as mentor centers, over 580 community members have been recruited and trained as volunteer mentors and approximately 537 offenders have been referred to the program.

For additional information on reentry activities, please see [www.csosa.gov](http://www.csosa.gov) (yellow Reentry button).

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